

History and Criminal Justice, BA (Boston)

This combined major educates students in history and criminal justice, emphasizing the complementarity between these two disciplines. Students successfully completing this program will be able to critically evaluate and draw connections between past and present practices in law, punishment, incarceration, justice, and the social institutions and cultural contexts in which these systems operate.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

History Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
History Colloquium		
HIST 1200	Historical Research and Writing	1
HIST 1201	First-Year Seminar	4
Introductory Level Elective		
Complete one other course from HIST 1001 to HIST 1999 (excluding HIST 1100, HIST 1200, and HIST 1201).		4
Intermediate/Advanced Level Elective		
Complete two HIST courses numbered 2000 or above (excluding HIST 2301 and HIST 2302).		8
Advanced Level Elective		
Complete one HIST course numbered 3000 or above.		4
History Elective		
Complete two courses in any field at any level.		8
Pre-1800 History Elective		
Complete one of the following:		4
HIST 1100	Law and History	
HIST 1185	Introduction to Middle Eastern History	
HIST 1218	Pirates, Planters, and Patriots: Making the Americas, 1492–1804	
HIST 1252	Japanese Literature and Culture	
HIST 1272	Europe in the Middle Ages, 500–1500	
HIST 1389	History of Espionage 1: Antiquity to World War II	
HIST 2311	Colonialism/Imperialism	
HIST 2330	Colonial and Revolutionary America	
HIST 2370	Renaissance to Enlightenment	
HIST 2375	The Tudors, the Stuarts, and the Birth of Modern Britain	
HIST 2390	Africa and the World in Early Times	
HIST 3334	Assassinations in World History	

Criminal Justice Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to Crime, Law, and the Justice System		
What do we know about crime and justice? In these three courses successful students will develop a foundational understanding of three related phenomena: why crime exists, how our criminal justice system responds to crime, and the constitutional and legal oversight of this process.		
CRIM 1100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	4
CRIM 1110	Criminal Due Process	4
CRIM 1120	Criminology	4
Current Crime and Justice Issues		
These courses introduce students to topical issues related to crime and justice.		
Complete one of the following:		4
CRIM 1300	The Death Penalty	
CRIM 1400	Human Trafficking	
CRIM 1500	Corruption, Integrity, and Accountability	
CRIM 1700	Crime, Media, and Politics	
Crime Problems and Criminal Justice Institutions		
The 2000-level courses in this list ask how does justice work and for whom? These courses introduce students to the systems and institutions tasked with providing justice. Each includes experiential learning components in cooperation with local criminal justice institutions. The 3000-level courses in this list provide students a deeper look at a range of crime problems.		
Complete one of the following:		4
AFCS 3210	Black Abolition Studies: Carcerality, Liberation, and Resistance	
CRIM 2310	Courts: The Third Branch of Government	
CRIM 2320	Youth Crime and Justice	
CRIM 2330	Punishment in the Age of Mass Incarceration	
CRIM 2340	Corporate Security: Securing the Private Sector	
CRIM 2350	Policing a Democratic Society	
CRIM 2370	Restorative Justice: Transforming the System	
CRIM 2380	Black Families and Incarceration	
CRIM 3010	Criminal Violence	
CRIM 3030	Global Criminology	
CRIM 3040	Psychology of Crime	
CRIM 3050	Organized Crime	
CRIM 3060	Political Crime and Terrorism	
CRIM 3070	Corporate and White-Collar Crime	
CRIM 3100	Criminal Law	
CRIM 3540	Substance Use and Social Justice	
Creating Knowledge about Crime and Justice		
How do we know what we know about crime and justice—and how do we develop new knowledge? Harnessing data to learn about issues, identify solutions, and advocate for change.		
CRIM 3700	Analyzing and Using Data on Crime and Justice	4
Systemic Issues		
A consideration of systemic issues facing the criminal justice system.		
Complete one of the following:		4
CRIM 3110	Gender, Crime, and Justice	
CRIM 3120	Race, Crime, and Justice	
Criminal Justice Electives		
Rounding out knowledge of crime and justice.		
Complete two additional criminal justice electives from the 3000, 4000 or 5000-level.		8

Other Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
A minimum of one history course must be taken between the methods and capstone requirements.		
Methods		

Complete one of the following: 4

CRIM 3600	Criminal Justice Research Methods
HIST 2301	The History Seminar

Capstone

Complete one of the following: 4

CRIM 4949	Senior Capstone Seminar
HIST 4701	Capstone Seminar

Integrative Course

HIST 1100	Law and History	4
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Experiential Liberal Arts

All students in this College of Social Sciences and Humanities program are required to complete the Experiential Liberal Arts Requirement (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela>).

Program Requirements

Complete 81 semester hours in the major

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Sample Plan of Study

FOUR YEARS WITH ONE CO-OP

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
CRIM 1100	4	CRIM 1110	4	Vacation		Vacation	
ENGW 1111	4	CRIM 1120	4				
HIST 1200	1	HIST 1100	4				
HIST 1201	4	Introductory-level history course	4				
Current crime and justice issues CRIM course	4						
	17		16		0		0
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Systems and institutions CRIM course	4	Methods course	4	Elective		Vacation	
Intermediate history elective	4	Intermediate/advanced history elective	4	Elective		4	
Pre-1800 history elective	4	Elective	4				
Elective	4	Elective	4				
	16		16		8		0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
CRIM 3700	4	Co-op	0	Co-op	0	Elective	4
EESH 2000	1						
Crime problems elective	4						
Intermediate/advanced history elective	4						
Elective	4						
	17		0		0		4
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
CRIM 3000	1	Capstone	4				
Advanced history course	4	Solutions and reform CRIM course	4				

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Intermediate/advanced history elective	4 Elective	4
Systemic issues CRIM elective	4 Elective	4
Elective	4 Elective	1
	17	17

Total Hours: 128